



# PAT'S PATTER

St. Patrick's Church Newsletter

Lent 2007

## Across the Rector's Desk

Have you ever thought of Lent as a time to meditate on and celebrate God's love?

We are so used to thinking of the negative aspects of Lent: the giving up of an activity we enjoy, the fasting, the gloomy music in a minor key.

The following hymn, #177 in "Common Praise," offers us words for this kind of meditation.

*A spendthrift lover is the Lord who never  
counts the cost  
or asks if heaven can afford to woo a world  
that's lost.  
Our lover tosses coins of gold across the mid-  
night skies  
and stokes the sun against the cold to warm us  
when we rise.  
Still more is spent in blood and tears to win  
the human heart,  
to overcome the violent fears that blow the  
world apart.  
Behold the bruised and thorn-crowned face of  
one who bears our scars  
and empties out the wealth of grace that's  
hinted by the stars.  
How shall we love this heart-strong God who  
gives us everything,  
whose ways to us are strange and odd; what  
can we give or bring?*

*Acceptance of the matchless gift is gift enough  
to give.*

*the very act will shake and shift the way we  
love and live.*

If you have seen the movie *Chocolat* you will know it is the story of a French village at the beginning Lent, and this town is used to a rigorous discipline of abstinence during this season of the Church year. All of their sacrificing does nothing to bring the townsfolk closer to God.

Into this town comes Vianne, something of a free spirit, and her daughter. Vianne is a maker of fine chocolates; not exactly the kind of activity one takes up in Lent. Her presence disrupts the status quo: the power of the mayor, the relationships among the townsfolk, within families. And yet...it is Vianne who liberates the abused wife, who befriends an elderly woman whose daughter is rejecting her because she won't behave as the daughter wishes, whose shop is the meeting place between grandmother and grandson, who accepts the gypsies. Vianne is the one who most exemplifies Jesus in his love for humanity.

And that is the purpose of Lenten discipline: to deepen our faith, to increase our awareness of 'God-with-us'. The

Passion of Jesus can have no meaning apart from the love of God. God becomes vulnerable to the hatred and violence of this world and overcomes it not by responding in kind but in love and forgiveness.

Our Lenten discipline of “penitence, fasting, prayer and almsgiving” should have as its goal, not self-denial for its own sake, but the lifting up of our spirit to God so that we are enveloped in God’s love and that our lives may become an image of the Christ.

Fran Kovar<sup>+</sup>



*The Church office is open Tuesday to Friday from 9am – 1pm. Feel free to drop by or to call and chat or make an appointment and come in.*

*If you are unwell at home, going into hospital or know someone who is, please give us a call. I would like to be able to pray, bring Holy Communion or simply visit with you.*

*In case of pastoral emergencies, please call the Church office at 416-225-5151 or the Rectory at 416-221-2024*

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# Warden's Corner

We the Wardens would like to bring to your attention some of the projects that are going to be looked at in the next year; are absolutely necessary and others are preventive.

## Church

- Double Glazing of the windows in the office area.
- Repair of the Entrance hall ceiling.
- Bell Tower – Railing needs replacing and painting of the interior.
- Scout room - Ceiling needs to be replaced.
- Hot Water Tank in electrical room needs replacing.
- Hand Rail, Ramp east entrance.
- Sump Pump room needs painting and repairs.
- Kitchen upper level.

## Rectory

- Painting of trim and garage door.
- Water Leak in basement.
- Fencing needs to be replaced.
- Mould in the Paneled Room.
- Northwest Basement Wall.
- Washrooms need to be painted.

The above are just a few of the things that need doing around our buildings.

We hope to have a spring grounds clean up Church needs to have the Pews washed and a thorough dusting and cleaning done. This is above and beyond what our new cleaners are contracted to do.

We the wardens look forward to another busy year.

Bill Beatty Rector's Warden  
June Holstead People's Warden



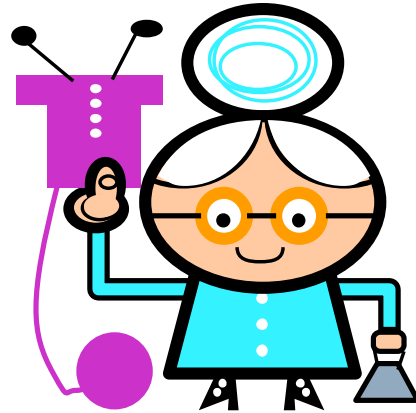
# “What are Seniors worth?”

*(Original author unknown, but obviously female)*

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune.....

With silver in their hair, gold in their teeth,  
stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and  
gas in their stomachs,

I have become a little older, since I saw you  
last, and a few changes have come into my  
life.



Frankly, I have become a frivolous old gal. I am seeing five gentlemen every day!

As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Next, Charlie Horse comes along and when he is here he takes up a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life and oh yes, I'm also flirting with Al Zymer.

P.S. My preacher came to call the other day. She said that at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told her, “Oh I do, all the time. No matter where I am, in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I ask myself, now what am I here after!”

## **Mark your calendar now.....**

Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 7:30 pm

St. Pat's choir will be sponsoring a concert by Cantabile Chorale of York Region. The proceeds from this concert will go towards the design and installation of a stained glass window in memory of former choir members.

Cantabile Chorale, founded in 1973, consists of 40 adult choristers who draw on a wide choral repertoire ranging from sacred to secular and Bach to Broadway. Admission is free; a free-will offering will be taken during the concert.

Light refreshments will follow the concert.



## *“God’s gift of children!”*



- Grandmas are moms with lots of frosting. ~Author Unknown
- Perfect love sometimes does not come until the first grandchild. ~Welsh Proverb
- A grandmother is a babysitter who watches the kids instead of the television.  
~Author Unknown
- Never have children. Only grandchildren. ~Gore Vidal
- Becoming a grandmother is wonderful. One moment you’re just a mother. The next you are all wise and prehistoric. ~Pam Brown
- Grandma always made you feel she had been waiting to see just you all day and now the day was complete. ~ Marcy DeMaree
- If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I’d have had them first. ~Lois Wyse
- My grandkids believe I’m the oldest thing in the world. And after two or three hours with them, I believe it, too. ~Gene Perret
- Grandchildren are God’s way of compensating us for growing old. ~Mary H. Waldrip
- You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother.
- You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandchild.
- An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly. ~Gene Perret
- Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children. ~Alex Haley
- A grandparent is old on the outside but young on the inside. ~Author Unknown
- One of the most powerful handclasps is that of a new grandbaby around the finger of a grandfather. ~Joy Hargrove
- If your baby is “beautiful and perfect, never cries or fusses, sleeps on schedule and burps on demand, and is an angel all the time,” you’re the grandma. ~Teresa Bloomingdale
- What is it about a grandparent that is so lovely? I’d like to say that grandparents are God’s gifts to children. And if they can but see, hear and feel what these people have to give, they can mature at a fast rate. ~ Bill Cosby

# Lenten Study

## *From Ashes to Easter*

Each year during Lent we are called to renew our faith through repentance, sacrifice, reflection and prayer. This year in a programme called From Ashes to Easter we will gather as pilgrims on our journey of faith to support one another in the effort of renewal. This is an invitation to get at the heart of what Lent is all about.

All of us who have been baptized need a time of renewal in which we plunge more deeply into the heart of our faith, which is Christ dead and rising. This is not accomplished in one Lent and so the church invites us each year to journey a little further. The culmination of Lent is the Easter Vigil, when, holding the Easter light in our hands, we renew our baptismal promises. You are invited to join with us “from ashes to Easter” so that the Easter baptismal renewal will be for you not an empty gesture but a truly joyful and meaningful celebration of renewed life and faith in the risen Lord.



What does From Ashes to Easter involve?

- Special Sunday celebrations each week of Lent
- The Sunday readings in the bulletin
- Living Lent at home suggestions
- Participation in the Lenten group, which will meet once a week, to share in prayer and faith discussions based on the Sunday readings.

We begin February 21 with the sign of ashes in the Ash Wednesday liturgy and the group will meet on Tuesday evenings February 27 – March 27 in the Church.



**Turn to page 12** for a complete list of Up-Coming Lenten Services at St. Patrick's.

# Good Friday

It was Friday.  
He died young.  
Too young.  
But then what can you expect  
HE HAD ENEMIES.  
They wanted to be rid of him.  
They wanted things to stay the same.  
They wanted the old ways.  
HE MEANT CHANGE.  
He meant hope for the people.  
He meant things would be different.  
HE HAD TO DIE.  
Even if he were young  
Too young.  
That's what you might expect  
HE HAD FRIENDS.

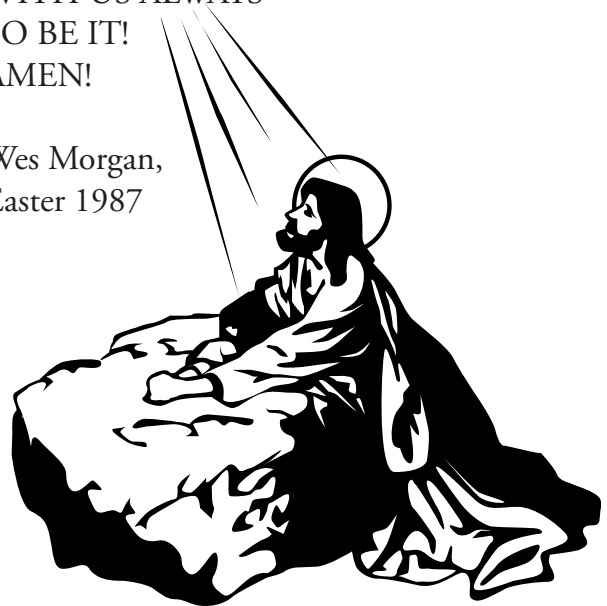
Friends in low places.  
Friends who would never betray him --  
Except for one.  
Friends who would never deny him --  
Except for one.  
Friends who would stand beside him  
Unless it rained  
Unless it stormed  
Unless they crucified him  
BUT IT DID RAIN.  
IT REALLY STORMED!  
The curtain in the temple was torn  
And they crucified him  
Dead.  
Buried.  
Period!

# Easter

You'll never guess how the story ends.  
IT WAS ON A SUNDAY!  
In a garden  
Almost too good to be true.  
IT WAS IN A GARDEN.  
At sunrise.  
HE AROSE!  
You heard me right  
He arose!  
Alive again!  
Tomb was empty.  
It was a Sunday.  
He'd never die again.  
"Lo, I am with you," he said.  
"With you always," he said.  
SUNDAYS  
HAVE NEVER BEEN THE SAME SINCE!  
Now they're Resurrection Days.  
SUNRISE  
HAS NEVER BEEN THE SAME EITHER!

'Cause now every sunrise  
Reminds us of Son Rise.  
SON OF GOD  
ALIVE  
RISEN  
WITH US ALWAYS  
SO BE IT!  
AMEN!

Wes Morgan,  
Easter 1987



# Special Events

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The Special Events Committee, with lots of hard work, enthusiasm, fun and fantastic support from the congregation raised, much to the delight of the Committee, a total of \$10,500.00 for the year.

The Committee worked diligently to come up with a variety of both Fund- Raising and Social Events. They included a trip to the Bala Cranberry Festival, our Spring Sale, a Pancake Supper, two very popular Card Parties, an Auction, a Heart Healthy Dinner, Golf Tournament and BBQ, the Autumn Leaves Dinner, Soup Lunches, Bake Sales and concluded with our New Years Eve get-together.

Our biggest project in 2006 was the production of our cookbook “Paddy’s Pantry”. In just three short weeks all one hundred copies were sold. Due to demand, it was necessary to go to print for more copies. They make really great gifts and are a great bargain at only \$10.00 each. If you

wish to purchase one or more copies you can talk to Judy Messenger or June Holstead at church on Sundays or call the church office and leave a message.

Once a year the committee get together to brainstorm for ideas. We like to hold at the very least one event each month and meet prior to each function to prepare and fine tune things for that particular event.

The first function of 2007 was our Italian Dinner with three kinds of Lasagna, Meatballs, Sausages, Salads and fresh baked bread. Our two fabulous desserts of Tiramisu and Zabaglione were a huge success along with the great selection of beverages.

Judith LeBane-Kane is an opera singer and wonderful voice coach whose students entertained us with a musical evening on February 3rd, 2007 performing a variety of songs “From LaScala to Broadway”, with all proceeds going to St. Patricks.

**We are always open for good suggestions of new and unusual ways for fundraising or for social events, so feel free to let us know if you have any ideas.**

# Outreach Corner

## *Helping Hands*

Faithworks and the work of the Outreach Committee are two sides of the same coin. Both provide a vehicle by which we as individuals and as a Parish can lend a helping hand to those in need.

Contributions to Faithworks are divided 85% to the Diocese and 15% to the Outreach Fund. In 2006 we sent \$ 6,314.65 to the Diocese to be distributed as you directed, specifically:

\$75.00	to All Saints Church ~ Community Centre
\$79.00	to Flemingdon Park Ministry
\$218.00	to Anglican Appeal
\$413.00	to LOFT Community Services
\$850.00	to Community Ministries, the Diocese distribute in accordance with Diocesan Budgets
\$2,089.00	to P.W.R.D.F. (Primate's World and Development Fund)
\$3,075.00	was undesignated and will be distributed at the discretion of the Diocese except that \$1,114.35 (15% of the total) was retained by the Parish for the Outreach Committee Fund.

Including the funds from Faithworks the Outreach Committee had \$2138.00 available for distribution in 2006. The Committee welcomes input from Parishioners and during the year made donations to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, Flemingdon Park, P.W.R.D.F., and Eva's Initiatives but the major donations were devoted to less familiar needs.

On March 7, 2005 the conjoined twin boys, Tinashe and Tinotende from Zimbabwe were surgically separated at Toronto's Sick Kids Hospital and in due course returned home. It was felt that we should help them in some way and Delores Thomas contacted Dr Paul Thistle, the Chief Medical Officer at the local hospital in Zimbabwe for suggestions. From the suggestions the Outreach Committee selected to help a Sewing Co-operative which would provide needed income for Elizabeth, the boys' mother, and for other women. The latest report is that they are now in the process of obtaining machines and materials.

On November 5, 2005 fire destroyed St Jude's Cathedral, the "igloo church" in Iqualuit; we made a donation to the Diocese of the Arctic for the Cathedral Restoration Fund.

The "helping hands" activities of St Patrick's extend beyond Faithworks and the Outreach Committee. The A.C.W. support two children through the Christian Children's Fund and have helped Moorelands Camp, P.W.R.D.F., LOFT and Flemingdon Park.

We regularly supply food to the Food Bank at Flemingdon Park and with Canadian Tire 'Money' obtain games and toys for young people at Christmas. Used postage stamps collected go to help the Seeing Eye Dog Programme. We recently began using "Fair Trade" Coffee for Sunday Coffee Hour for the direct benefit of the growers and have made a substantial contribution of winter clothing to those in need.

### **Compare!**

#### Offerings to Operating Fund

Actual January 2006	\$8,078.00
Forecast January 2007	\$7,690.00
Actual January 2007	\$5,293.00

# Holy Week and Easter Events

## **April 1 Passion/ Palm Sunday**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist and Blessing of Palms  
10:30 am Palm Procession and Choral Eucharist

As we begin Holy Week, come and participate in the great drama of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and then experience the Passion of Christ in the words of the Gospel of Luke.

## **April 3 Tuesday in Holy Week**

7:30 pm Tenebrae.

A service of darkness and shadow reflecting the somber mood of the journey to the cross

## **April 5 Maundy Thursday**

6:00 pm Potluck Supper  
7:30 pm Institution of the Eucharist and Stripping of the altar

We enjoy a fellowship meal together and then leave the church in the Darkness of Gethsemane.

## **April 6 Good Friday**

11:00 am The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

A time to reflect on our complicity in Jesus' death in word, music and prayer.

## **April 7 Easter Vigil**

7:30 pm Blessing of the New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, & Holy Eucharist

An ancient liturgy where we remember God's work of Salvation throughout faith history. A Resurrection Party will follow the service as we come together in Word, Sacrament, and fellowship.

## **April 8 Easter Day**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist

A joyous celebration of the Resurrection

## **May 17 Ascension Day**

6:00 pm Potluck Supper  
7:30 pm Informal Eucharist to mark Jesus' ascension to the Father.

## **May 27 The Day of Pentecost The Birthday of the Church**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist



A decorative banner with a light green background and a dark green border. The text "Coming Attractions" is written in a black, gothic-style font. The banner has a ribbon-like shape with pointed ends.

Planned by the Special Events Committee for enjoyment and fellowship.  
Any profit from these events is placed in the Capital Expenditure Fund.

- February 21** "From Pancakes to Ashes!"  
6:00 pm pancake supper  
7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service
- February 27 – March 27** "From Ashes to Easter" faith study.
- March 17** Irish Night to celebrate our patron saint, St Patrick  
6:00 pm Dinner and music; Cash Bar
- March 18** Patronal Festival
- April 1 – 6** Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Tenebrae on Holy Tuesday, Maundy Thursday celebration of the Institution of the Eucharist, Good Friday service
- April 7** The Easter Vigil followed by a Resurrection Party
- April 15** Pub lunch following the 10:30 am service
- April 28** Concert by Cantabile Chorale of York Region: from sacred to secular, Bach to Beethoven
- May 12** Spring Sale: welcome to the world of rummage  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- May 26** Card Party: Luncheon, Bridge or Euchre, Prizes, Raffle  
12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
- June 10** Parish BBQ to welcome the summer  
Following the 10:30 am service
- July 14** Golf Tournament and BBQ

For more information on any of the events, please call the Church office, 416-225-5151.

# Up-Coming Services

## **February 21 Ash Wednesday**

7:30 pm Imposition of Ashes &  
Holy Eucharist

## **February 25 Lent 1**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Morning Prayer

## **March 4 Lent 2**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist

## **March 11 Lent 3**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist

## **March 18 Lent 4**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 pm Choral Eucharist & Healing

## **March 25 Lent 5**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Morning Prayer

## **April 1 Passion/ Palm Sunday**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Blessing of Palms &  
Choral Eucharist

## **April 3 Holy Tuesday**

7:30 pm Tenebrae

## **April 5 Maundy Thursday**

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, foot washing,  
and stripping of the altar

## **April 6 Good Friday**

11:00 am Celebration of Our Lord's Passion

## **April 7 Easter Eve**

7:30 pm The lighting of the New Fire,  
Renewal of Baptismal Vows &  
Eucharist

## **April 8 Easter Day**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist

## **April 15 Easter 2**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Morning Prayer

## **April 22 Easter 3**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist & Healing

## **April 29 Easter 4**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Morning Prayer

## **May 6 Easter 5**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist

## **May 13 Easter 6**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist

## **May 17 Ascension Day**

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist

## **May 20 Easter 7**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist & Healing

## **May 27 Day of Pentecost**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist

## **June 3 Trinity Sunday**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist